

# NROS News

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Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Holy Rosary Church Hall  
21 Queen Street  
Thorold

## PROGRAMS

COC Slide Presentation

on

“Orchid Pests and Diseases”



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## FEBRUARY SHOW TABLE

### Class 1 Cattleya Alliance

Rhyncolaelia glauca x Laelia crispata	S. Holierhoek	1 <sup>st</sup> .
Lc.Hawaiian Attraction x Lc. Mildred Reeves	C. Fuerniss	2 <sup>nd</sup> .
Laelia rubescens	N. Vandenberg	3 <sup>rd</sup> .
Lc. Magic Bell 'Carnival'	K. & F. Wilkinson	
Rhyncolaelia glauca x Laelia crispata	S. Holierhoek	
Slc. Vermillion Cherub "The Cardinal" HCC/AOS	N. Dekker	
Laelia sincorana 'Best' x Slc. Bright Angel	N. Dekker	
Blc. Malworth D'Or x C. Horace 'Maxima'	S. Holierhoek	
Cattleya aurantiaca	D. Culp	

### Class 2 Paphiopedilum

****Paph. Bouynette	M. Botbyl	1 <sup>st</sup> .
Paph. Flame Arrow	P. Hinman	2 <sup>nd</sup> .
Paph. insigne	M. Botbyl	3 <sup>rd</sup> .
Paph. Iona	T. Cunningham	
Paph. ???	P. Hinman	
Paph. Pinocchio	P. Hinman	

### Class 3 Phalaenopsis

Phal. ???	W. Muste	1 <sup>st</sup> .
Phal. Brother Smith	M. Botbyl	2 <sup>nd</sup> .
Phal. ???	A. Fortin	3 <sup>rd</sup> .
Phal. ???	A. Fortin	
Phal. ???	A. Fortin	

### Class 4 Oncidium Alliance

Onc. ???	W. Muste	1 <sup>st</sup> .
Wilsonara Tigersetta 'Wyld Court' AM/AOS/RHS	N. Vandenberg	2 <sup>nd</sup> .
Oncidium Sharry Baby	C. Fuerniss	3 <sup>rd</sup> .
Oncidium Pink Deluxe "Maroon Delight"	M. Booy	
Oncidium Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	M. Botbyl	

### Class 5 Cymbidiums

Cymbidium Lancelot 'Grail'	K. & F. Wilkinson	1 <sup>st</sup> .
Cymbidium Miss Tapei Unveiled	P. Hinman	2 <sup>nd</sup> .
Cymbidium Porters Passion	N. Vandenberg	3 <sup>rd</sup> .

### Class 6 Dendrobiums

Dendrobium tetragonum	A. Roger	1 <sup>st</sup> .
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### Class 7 All Others

Coelogyne graminifolia	K. & F. Wilkinson	1 <sup>st</sup> .
Coelogyne cumingii	K. & F. Wilkinson	2 <sup>nd</sup> .

### Class 9 Vanda Alliance

Vanda Adisak x Vanda Dr. Anek  
Vasco. Pine Rivers

K. & F. Wilkinson  
N. Vandenberg

1<sup>st</sup>.  
2<sup>nd</sup>.

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### \*\*\*\*\*PLANT OF THE MONTH

The following are the results of the Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show.

Simon Holierhoek	1 <sup>st</sup> . 2 <sup>nd</sup> . 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Rhyncolaelia glauca x Laelia crisptata Bl. Richard Mueller 4N x B. nodosa Rhyncolaelia glauca x Laelia crisptata
Colin Burns	1 <sup>st</sup> . 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Dendrobium Tonghai Gold Ludisia discolor
Yvon Doucet	3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Dendrobium Nobile Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'
Wayne Hoeschle	3 <sup>rd</sup> . CHM/AOS	Dendrobium glumaceum Vanda litacina

and Wayne's Dendrobium Wonder Nishii 'Mary won a First in Dendrobium Class, 1<sup>st</sup>. in Species Class, Best of Class,, and Best Specimen Trophy. Congratulations, Wayne, Colin, Simon and Yvon! Thanks to the aforementioned and also Nancy Vandenberg and Aimee Roger for donating plants. A special thanks to Yvon and Carole Doucet for setting up and tearing down the Society Display.

### BULLETIN BOARD

#### Meeting

Our meeting this month will be a slide presentation on Orchid Pests and Diseases. If you are having problems with any of your plants, be sure to come out to the meeting and learn how you can get rid of some of these "nuisances"!!

#### Membership

Please be advised that if you have not paid your \$20.00 membership fee, this will be your last newsletter. Please send your membership to:

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or pay me at the March Meeting.  
Cheques should be made out to the  
Niagara Region Orchid Society.  
Thanks!

#### Clouds Open House

The first open house for Clouds Orchids will be on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. and Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. The workshop will be "Chosing a New Orchid" and takes place at 12:00 p.m. both days.

### **Niagara College Open House**

Just a reminder that the Niagara College Open House is the week-end of March 15<sup>th</sup>. & 16<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is still interested in setting up a very small display and selling there, please contact Rick Rempel.

### **Hospitality**

Just a reminder to Christel Fuerniss and David Culp that they are signed up to bring the goodies for coffee for the March meeting. Thank you Christel and David!

### **Newsletter**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind members that they can take advantage of our newsletter. If there is anything that you would like posted in the newsletter (something to sell or looking for a particular item), please let me know by phone or e-mail. Also, if you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see in the newsletter, let me know.

LONDON ORCHID SOCIETY

ORCHID SHOW

MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>., & 16<sup>TH</sup>., 2008

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## MILTONIOPSIS: The Pansy Orchid

Pronounced: mil-toh-nee-OP-sis

Producing sprays of large, flat, pleasantly fragrant flowers in shades of pink, white, yellow and red in the spring and autumn, these plants are well worth the modest extra effort required to ensure they grow well. Some have contrasting patterns resembling water falls on their lips. These plants are often referred to by the name Miltonia, but are correctly called Miltoniopsis.

### Healthy Miltoniopsis start with healthy roots:

- Pot in a fine medium. Fir bark mixtures are best, with 0.5 to 1.0 cm chunks of bark, perlite and charcoal.
- Repot annually, preferably in the autumn, to ensure good root growth. Miltoniopsis produce large numbers of roots, but only when grown in fresh medium.
- Remove old medium if it is loose and any rotting roots; choose a plastic pot just big enough to hold the roots, and position the plant in the center of the pot.
- Roots should be moist at all times. The ideal situation is that the plant is watered each morning, and has dried dampness by evening. Miltoniopsis should be grown in small pots for the plant size, to promote this rapid drying cycle.
- When watering, water thoroughly, with a volume of water at least equal to that of the pot.
- Do not use water softened in salt-consuming water softeners. Low mineral water is preferred, such as naturally soft water or rain water. If hard water is used, water very heavily to flush minerals.
- Fertilize weakly and frequently with a balanced fertilizer. One-eighth to one-quarter strength recommended by manufacturer for house plants every week in spring and summer and every two weeks in autumn and winter.



### Healthy leaves produce more and bigger flowers:

- Medium light levels are appropriate. Leaves should be a light green, not yellowish (too much light) or dark green (too little light). They should be somewhat stiff, not long and floppy (more light needed). A slight red blush indicates an ideal light level on some plants. A more pronounced red blush indicates too much light.
- Two to three hours of sunshine on a windowsill (East or West) or 15-30 cm under a four tube fluorescent fixture
- Miltoniopsis do best with 60-70% humidity but will grow and bloom at somewhat lower humidity levels. Use humidifier to raise humidity - humidity pans and misting rarely effective. Enclosing plant growing areas is effective but ensure fresh air and air movement to avoid mold and rot.
- Miltoniopsis are prone to accordion pleating of the leaves and having difficulty opening their flowers, with the lip getting caught wrapped around the column. These are usually symptoms of low humidity or not enough water at the roots. Check the roots for moisture level before increasing watering, to avoid causing rot.
- Grow Miltoniopsis in intermediate temperatures with 14°C minimum winter nights and a maximum of 26°C summer days. Ensure 6-12°C day/night difference to aid flower formation. Miltoniopsis are stressed by high temperatures, so observe the 26°C maximum carefully.